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Applicant:

José Rafael GARZA ALVAREZ

Title:

INTRAGASTRIC BALLOON ASSEMBLY

Appl. No.:

10/656,219

Filing Date:

09/08/2003

Examiner:

Unassigned

Art Unit:

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [X] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.
- [] Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	50	-	40	=	10	X	\$18.00	=	\$180.00
Independent Claims:	4	-	3	=	1	x	\$86.00	=	\$86.00
` Fi	rst presentati	on o	f any Multiple	Depe	endent Claims:	+	\$290.00	=	\$0.00
					CLAIM	S FE	E TOTAL	=	\$266.00

^[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00	\$0.00
	EXTENSI	ON FEE TOTAL:	\$0.00
[]	Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$110.00	\$0.00
	CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIM	IER FEE TOTAL:	\$266.00
[X]	Small Entity Fees Apply (sub	otract ½ of above):	\$133.00
		TOTAL FEE:	\$133.00

- [] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$133.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- [X] A check in the amount of \$133.00 is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 911

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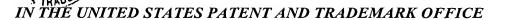
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Continuing Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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